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Assignee: Technologies &  
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Title: **METHOD FOR ACHIEVING LOW DEFECT DENSITY AlGaN SINGLE CRYSTAL BOULES**

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action of October 30, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**CHANGE OF FIRM NAME**

Please note that the firm name "McCutchen Doyle Brown and Enersen LLP" has been changed as a result of a merger. The new firm name is "Bingham McCutchen LLP". Please address all further correspondence in the above-identified matter to the undersigned at:

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 3, 4, 22 and 23 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of selecting a HCl gas as said halide reaction gas, wherein said first halide metal compound is